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28 August 1946

My dear Mr. Dulles:

Upon my assumption of the office of Director of the Central Intelligence Group last June, I realized both the importance and necessity of receiving the best advice obtainable to guide me in the discharge of my duties.

I felt that a charter for CIG had to be determined and authorized before I could conscientiously impose upon your time and patriotic service. The charter has now been officially authorized and several other hurdles surmounted.

It is my desire to form a small select Board of Consultants to advise me personally in the discharge of my responsibilities. I suggest that meetings be held each month. The members of the Board will have access to all departments of the organization, and will, therefore, be in a position to criticize, advise and assist in the direction of operations, to the end that the security of the nation can best be preserved.

In selecting the Board to assist me in carrying out the directives assigned to me, I have chosen those whom I believe to be the best qualified through experience, judgment and a deep interest in and appreciation of the subject.

In addition to yourself, I am also asking Mr. Kingman Douglass, Mr. William H. Jackson, Mr. Robert A. Lovett, Mr. Paul H. Nitze and Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers to compose the Board.

I hope very much that I can count on your invaluable support in this most important task and that I may receive word that you can accept the responsibility.

I should like to call a first meeting of the Board as soon as possible, preferably around the middle of September.

Trusting that I may hear favorably from you soon, I remain

Yours very truly,

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s/ AG

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,

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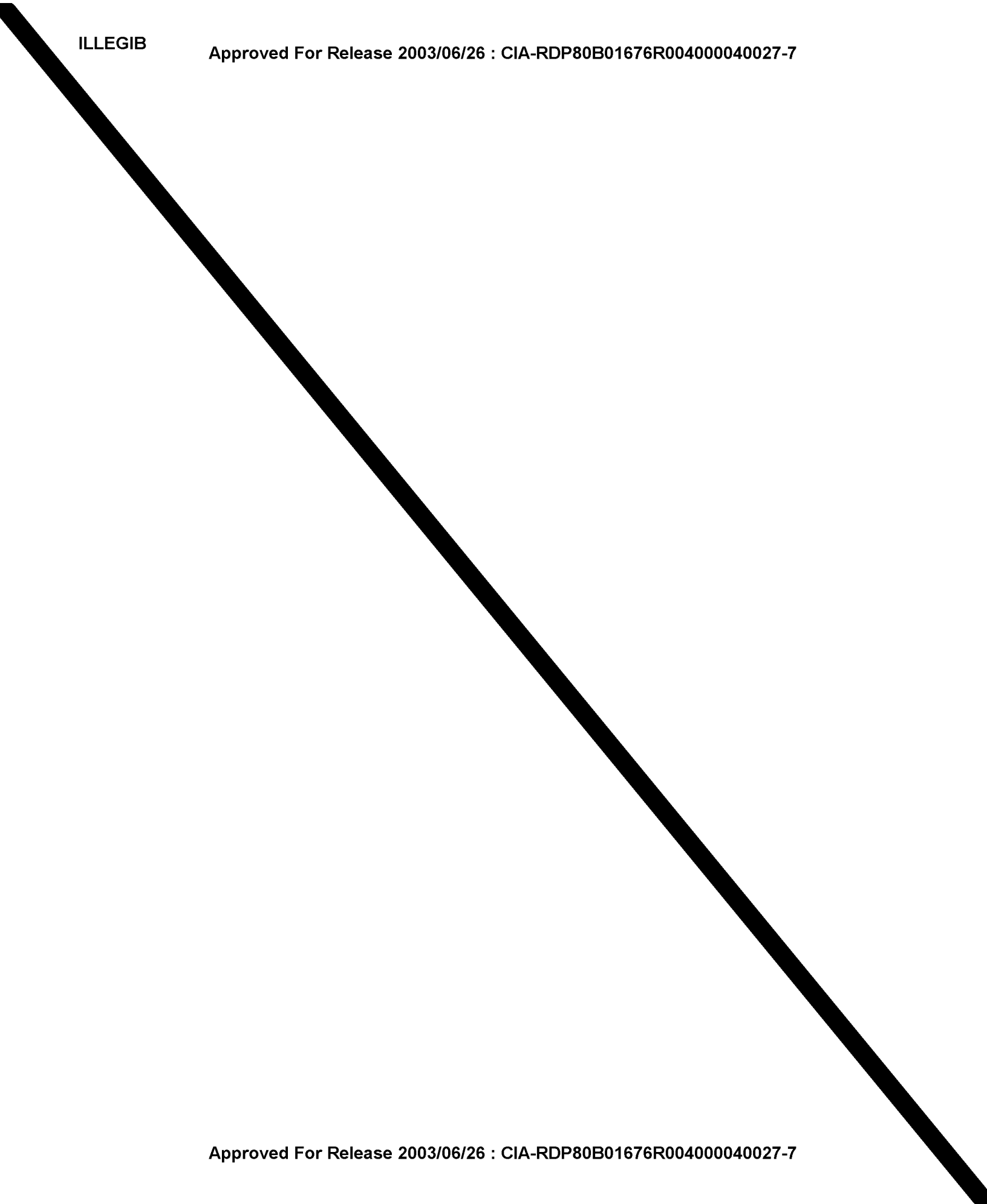
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